



Shark Class Newsletter

It has been a busy few weeks filled with lots of exciting learning, time has flown, and Shark Class has already accomplished so much this half term. I'm so proud of their achievements and the resilience shown when tackling some tricky challenges within our learning over the past few weeks.

English

This week, we have begun our new text Shackleton's Journey. The book follows Shackleton and his crew aboard the ship Endurance as they attempt to cross Antarctica. When the ship becomes trapped and crushed by ice, the crew faces incredible hardships. Despite the dangers, Shackleton leads a heroic effort to save every man, showing remarkable leadership, courage, and resilience. The children will continue to craft their writing skills using paragraphs, varied sentence structures, and accurate spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Maths

We have now completed our number and place value unit and have moved on to addition and subtraction. In this unit, pupils are expected to add and subtract numbers with up to four digits using formal written methods, such as column addition and subtraction. They should be able to estimate answers using rounding and check their work using inverse operations. Additionally, they are encouraged to solve two-step problems in context, choosing appropriate methods and explaining their reasoning.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day, celebrated on **10th October**, is a global day to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. In school, it's a chance to remind everyone that looking after our minds is just as important as looking after our bodies. It encourages children and adults to talk about their feelings, be kind to themselves and others, and know where to get help if they need it. As a way of celebrating this day, the children have been asked to come to school wearing a yellow accessory.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is a time when we come together to give thanks for the food we have and to think about those in need. Traditionally celebrated in autumn, it's an opportunity for children to learn about where food comes from and the importance of sharing. We will be having an assembly lead by Reverend Telfor and we are kindly asking for donations of non-perishable items to be brought into school.

Certificates

Star of the Week: Bobby and Grace

Rights Respector of the Week: Grace

Reminders

PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Thursday** so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Also, please encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars to practice their times tables and read their books at home so they can quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Williams